

## INK ASSIST AIR KNIFE

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In operating an inkjet printing mechanism, media passes through a printzone  
5 including a support apparatus supporting the media thereat. When passing through the  
printzone, print imaging is applied by application of ink from an ink dispensing element  
and onto a surface of the media. The method includes directing an airflow at the media  
surface, the airflow including a first directional component away from the printzone and a  
10 second directional component onto the media surface thereby urging the media against  
the support apparatus.

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